

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact Senate Bill
408, House Bill 685 or similar
legislation that would provide
for the collection and
preservation of the stories and
experiences of Florida's veterans
and Florida's military
contributions throughout the
Nation's history

Resolution No. R-52-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-52-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 408, HOUSE BILL 685 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE STORIES AND EXPERIENCES OF FLORIDA’S VETERANS AND FLORIDA’S MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NATION’S HISTORY

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, Senators Danny Burgess (R – Zephyrhills) and Keith Perry (R – Gainesville) introduced Senate Bill (“SB”) 408 for consideration during the 2024 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2023, Representative Michelle Salzman (R – Cantonment) filed an identical companion bill, House Bill (“HB”) 685; and

WHEREAS, SB 408 and HB 685 create the Florida Veterans’ History Program within the Division of Arts and Culture of the Florida Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Florida Veterans’ History Program is to collect and preserve the stories and experiences of Florida’s veterans and Florida’s military contributions throughout the Nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, under the Florida Veterans’ History Program, folklorists will seek out and identify those veterans who are willing to share their experiences, and the folklorists may either interview the veterans or invite them to submit written or electronic accounts of their experiences for inclusion in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Board shares an interest in preserving Florida’s military history, including memorializing its veterans’ contributions to the defense of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has demonstrated this interest, in among many ways, through its investment in the Miami-Dade County Military Museum and through the construction of military memorials such as the Wall of Heroes, which is to be erected in the atrium of the Stephen P. Clark Center; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Board's demonstrated interest in preserving Florida's military history and memorializing its veterans' contributions to the defense of the Nation, the Board desires to express its support of SB 408 and HB 685,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 408 and HB 685 or similar legislation that would provide for the collection and preservation of the stories and experiences of Florida's veterans and Florida's military contributions throughout the Nation's history.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senators Danny Burgess and Keith Perry, Representative Michelle Salzman, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MAG

Miguel A. Gonzalez